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Transportation Committee
LOB Room 2300
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To The Co-Chairs and Members,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of HB-6018, *An Act Allowing Certain Individuals with a Suspended Motor Vehicle Operator's License to Operate a Motor Vehicle To and From School or Work*.

This proposal was initiated by a constituent of mine. My constituent's son earned three moving violations in a certain span of time, warranting a 30-day driver's license suspension under current law. The first violation was from using his cell phone as a GPS navigation device when it was not mounted, as is required. The second violation was a roll-through stop at a non-functional street light after Tropical Storm Irene. The third violation was for speeding.

If a driver is age 24 or under and has two moving violations within a two year period, they must attend a driver retraining class. If there is a third moving violation within the next three years, the driver receives a 30-day license suspension. Another ticket within the following three years earns another suspension, this time for 60 days. My constituent's concern is that there is no provision for young drivers to have restricted licenses for school or employment purposes. It may be worth noting that state law allows for this provision in DUI convictions. If the infractions of my constituent's son had occurred under a points system rather than by number of instances, he would have likely kept his ability to travel to work and school.

The legislature did admirable work when it passed Public Acts 08-32 and 11-213, strengthening teen driving laws to increase road safety. However in doing so, we did not build provisions allowing for the DMV commissioner's discretion on suspension cases. On my constituent's behalf, I ask for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Rep. Linda Orange
Deputy Speaker of the House